

**Listing of the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. **(Currently amended)** A process for preparing a thin film on a high stalk extrusion line, said process comprising:

(a) extruding a blend through an annular die to form a molten material tube, said blend comprising:

(i) a linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE) which has a density within the range of about 0.90 to about 0.93 g/cc and an MI<sub>2</sub> within the range of about 0.5 to about 50 dg/min; and

(ii) a high molecular weight polyethylene selected from a high density polyethylene (HMW-HDPE) which has a density within the range of about 0.95 to about 0.97 g/cc and an MI<sub>2</sub> within the range of about 0.01 to about 0.5 dg/min or a high molecular weight, medium density polyethylene (HMW-MDPE);

in a weight ratio of (i)/(ii) greater than or equal to 50/50; and

(b) pulling the molten material tube around a fixed flexible internal orientation device (FIOD) to form the film; wherein the film has a thickness of 0.5 mil or less.

2. **(Original)** The process of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of (i)/(ii) is greater than or equal to 60/40.

3. **(Original)** The process of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of (i)/(ii) is greater than or equal to 70/30.

4. **(Cancelled).**

5. **(Cancelled).**

6. **(Cancelled).**

7. **(Cancelled).**

8. **(Cancelled).**

9. **(Cancelled).**

10. **(Original)** The process of claim 1 wherein the film has a machine-direction tear of 18 grams or greater.
11. **(Original)** The process of claim 1 wherein the film has a machine-direction tear of 40 grams or greater.
12. **(Currently amended)** A thin film produced by the process of claim 1 from a blend that consists essentially of:
  - (a) ~~from about 20 wt % to about 80 wt % of a high molecular weight, medium density polyethylene (HMW-MDPE) that has a density within the range of about 0.93 to about 0.95 g/cc, an MI<sub>2</sub> within the range of about 0.01 to about 0.5 dg/min, an MFR within the range of about 50 to about 300, and a multimodal molecular weight distribution comprising a low molecular weight component and a high molecular weight component wherein the low molecular weight component has an MI<sub>2</sub> from about 50 to about 600 dg/min and a density from about 0.94 to about 0.97 g/cc; and~~
  - (b) ~~from about 20 wt % to about 80 wt % of a linear low density polyethylene that has a density within the range of about 0.90 to about 0.93 g/cc and an MI<sub>2</sub> within the range of about 0.5 to about 50 dg/min.~~
13. **(Original)** The film of claim 12 wherein the LLDPE is a copolymer of ethylene with an alpha-olefin selected from the group consisting of propylene, 1-butene, 1-pentene, 1-hexene, 1-octene, 4-methyl-1-pentene, and mixtures thereof.
14. **(Original)** The film of claim 12 wherein the LLDPE is a copolymer of ethylene with 1-hexene.
15. **(Cancelled).**
16. **(Cancelled).**
17. **(Cancelled).**
18. **(Cancelled).**
19. **(Cancelled).**
20. **(Original)** The process of claim 12 wherein the film has a machine-direction tear of 18 grams or greater.

21. **(Original)** The process of claim 12 wherein the film has a machine-direction tear 40 grams or greater.
22. **(Cancelled).**